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LETTER DATED 14 AUGUST 1995 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF CUBA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

As you are aware, the Government of the United States has established regulations and maintains restrictions on the movement of the members of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations. Such regulations stipulate a restriction of movement to a 25-mile radius from Columbus Circle in New York City, by virtue of which the Permanent Mission of Cuba is forced to submit, in every case, a travel authorization request in the application forms provided by the United States Mission specifically for these purposes.

The Government of the Republic of Cuba considers that such restrictions upon the diplomatic privileges and immunities the Cuban diplomats to the United Nations are entitled to are unacceptable, inappropriate and discriminatory.

Nevertheless, in its note No. 368 of 15 June 1995 (see annex I) as well as in application forms duly submitted to the United States Mission to the United Nations, on 21 June 1995, the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations timely requested from the United States Mission to the United Nations a travel authorization to depart for the City of San Francisco, California, accompanied by Mr. Reynaldo Figueroa Maylero, Attaché of the Permanent Mission of Cuba, and his personal assistant, in order to participate in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations, to which the Permanent Representative of Cuba had been invited by the UN50 Committee of San Francisco as well as by many other sponsors of that event.

In response to that official request, through a telephone conversation, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations was informed that the Permanent Representative of Cuba was allowed to travel, this not being the case for Mr. Figueroa Maylero, Attaché of the Permanent Mission of Cuba.

In addition, several restrictions were imposed upon the Permanent Representative of Cuba - including a restriction on movement to a 25-mile radius from the St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco - which, in the opinion of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, were inappropriate and aimed at deliberately hindering the attendance of the Permanent Representative of Cuba at the San Francisco celebrations.

After that, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations received two photocopies (with different dates, 22 June and 23 June respectively, and with different signatures) of the original official application form filled out and sent by the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United States Mission to the United Nations. On the said photocopies, the name and personal data of Mr. Figueroa Maylero were omitted and an authorization was stamped on them (see annex III, attachments I and II).

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations requested a clarification of what appeared to be a technical mistake on the part of the United States Mission to the United Nations and reiterated the need to receive an official response regarding the travel authorization requested on behalf of Mr. Figueroa Maylero.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations also requested clarification on restrictions of movement for the Permanent Representative of Cuba in this specific case, should there be any, since they are always applied by the United States Mission to the United Nations through diplomatic notes or in the passports of Cuban diplomats. The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations requested clarification on these questions from the position that when it does not receive an official written communication on any type of restriction it will consider them as not existing.

The official response to this matter and the reiteration of the imposed restrictions were received by the Permanent Representative of Cuba in another adulterated photocopy of the original Cuban one, in this case, without signature or rubber stamp, just in San Francisco, during the celebrations (ibid., attachment IV). The United States Mission to the United Nations has not yet given an official answer on the travel request of Mr. Figueroa Maylero.

In your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country I kindly ask you to include this question in the agenda of the next meeting of the Committee and also that the present letter and its attachments be circulated as official documents of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Bruno RODRÍGUEZ PARRILLA

ANNEX I

Note verbale dated 15 June 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and wishes to refer to the San Francisco commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations, to be held from 24 to 26 June 1995 in San Francisco.

In this regard, the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations has the honour to inform you that H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, has been invited to this very special celebration by the Mayor of San Francisco, the UN50 Committee of San Francisco as well as by many other sponsors of that event.

Ambassador Rodríguez Parrilla intends to travel to San Francisco on 24 June and to return to New York on 27 June.

The Permanent Representative would prefer to consult first with other ambassadors and consequently book a direct round-trip flight to San Francisco. Should this information be of the interest of the United States Mission to the United Nations, this could be properly and timely conveyed to the latter.

Ambassador Rodríguez Parrilla holds diplomatic passport No. 00-795; date of birth 22 January 1958; ID No. 3069-1752-51.

Ambassador Rodríguez Parrilla will travel accompanied by Mr. Reynaldo Figueroa Maylero, Attaché of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations. Mr. Figueroa Maylero holds diplomatic passport No. 19-527; date of birth 8 April 1964; ID No. 3077-977-51.

ANNEX II

Note verbale dated 22 June 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to notes No. 368 (annex I) of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and No. HC-37-95 of the United States Mission to the United Nations as well as to the travel authorization application forms (see annex III, attachments I-III).

At approximately 10 a.m. today, 22 June 1995, Mrs. Maureen Guiney, Adviser of the United States Mission to the United Nations, made a telephone call to Mrs. Nilda Alvarez, Third Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, regarding the travel authorization requested on behalf of H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations, and Mr. Reynaldo Figueroa Maylero, Attaché of the Permanent Mission of Cuba, to travel to the City of San Francisco, California.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations has the honour to request the United States Mission to the United Nations to submit an official response to the travel authorization requested as well as to relevant restrictions, should there be any.

ANNEX III

Letter dated 23 June 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

Please find enclosed a copy of note No. 385 sent by the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations to the United States Mission to the United Nations regarding the travel authorization requested on behalf of His Excellency Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Permanent Representative of Cuba, to attend the San Francisco celebrations to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations. We are hereby requesting your good offices, in your capacity as Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country, to ensure that this question receives due consideration.

(Signed) Bruno RODRÍGUEZ PARRILLA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

APPENDIX

Note verbale dated 23 June 1995 from the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the United States Mission to the United Nations

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations presents its compliments to the United States Mission to the United Nations and has the honour to refer to note No. 381 of 22 June 1995 (annex II) from the Permanent Mission of Cuba regarding the travel authorization request on behalf of H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodríguez Parrilla, Permanent Representative of Cuba, and Mr. Reynaldo Figueroa Maylero, Attaché and Personal Assistant to the Permanent Representative of Cuba, in order to participate in the San Francisco celebrations to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba has received, as a response, two photocopies (with different dates, 22 and 23 June respectively, and with different signatures) of the original official application form filled out and sent by the Permanent Mission of Cuba. On said photocopies, the name and personal data of Mr. Figueroa Maylero were omitted and an authorization was stamped on them. Please find enclosed the two photocopies as well as the original form submitted by the Permanent Mission of Cuba (see attachments I-III).

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations assumes that said omission on the official application form is a technical mistake on the part of the United States Mission to the United Nations.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations wonders if the above-mentioned official authorization stamped on both photocopies covers both names included in the original official application form sent by the Permanent Mission of Cuba.

Likewise, the insufficient photocopies mentioned above do not establish restrictions of movement for the Permanent Representative of Cuba regarding his presence in San Francisco. Thus the Permanent Mission of Cuba also assumes that there is no restriction applicable in this case.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba requests a clarification of what appears to be a technical mistake on the part of the United States Mission and reiterates the need to receive an official response regarding the travel authorization requested on behalf of Mr. Figueroa Maylero.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba also requests clarification on restrictions of movement for the Permanent Representative of Cuba in this specific case, should there be any, since, as has been an established practice by the United States Mission to the United Nations, the restrictions of movement applied to Cuban diplomats have been duly notified in writing either in their passports or by official diplomatic notes issued by the United States Mission to the United Nations.

In case the Permanent Mission of Cuba does not receive an official and timely response by the United States Mission stating the opposite, the Permanent Mission of Cuba will assume that no restriction of movement exists or is applicable to the Permanent Representative of Cuba for his participation in the San Francisco celebrations to observe the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations.

ATTACHMENT I

DEPARTMENT OF STATE - UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Travel Notification/Travel Authorization/Service Request Form

Sent from: _____ TSR# _____

THIS FORM MUST BE TYPED AND FILLED IN COMPLETELY TO INSURE PROMPT AND EFFICIENT SERVICE. Continuation sheets may be used as necessary. A separate form must be filed for each trip. (ofmt 100-90)

Date of Request 6 / 21 / 95 (month / day / year) State Dept. ID# (if applicable) 3069-1752-51

Name of traveler (Last, First, Middle) BRUNO RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA

Title AMBASSADOR Organization UNTIED NATIONS

Position PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE Phone# (212) 689-7215

Nationality Cuban Passport# 00-795 Tax Card# 3069-1752-01

Date of Birth 1 / 22 / 58 (month / day / year) Place of Birth Mexico, D.F. (city, country)

Names of Acc. Travelers Title DOB State Dept ID# Tax Card#

Purpose of Travel (if applicable) To attend the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the United Nations Charter

Signature _____

TRAVEL ITINERARY

1) Date 6 / 24 / 95 (month / day / year) From New Jersey, Newark Airport Dep. 11:00 am/p

Mode by plain (*) To San Francisco Arr. 2:05 am/p

Lodging/Address WESTIN HOTEL

Name of Host UN50 COMMITTEE Phone# (415) 989-1995

Organization The same as above

Host's Address 555 California Street, 28th Floor, San Francisco, California, CA 94104

If driving, please provide the following:

License Plate #_____ State Abb._____ Make/Color of Car_____ Year___

Routes_____

2) Date 6 / 27 / 95 (month / day / year) From San Francisco Dep. 1.15 am/p

Mode by plain (**) To New York, JFK Airport Arr. 9.43 am/p

Lodging/Address Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Name of Host_____ Phone# ( )

Organization Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Host's Address 315 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y.

If driving, please provide the following:

License Plate #_____ State Abb._____ Make/Color of Car_____ Year___

Routes_____

(*) Flight # 75, UNITED Airlines
(**) Flight #810, UNITED Airlines

- Note that this model is an adulterated photocopy of the Cuban original, from which the name has been deleted, as well as the data of the Cuban diplomat for whom authorization is also requested.

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ATTACHMENT II

DEPARTMENT OF STATE - UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

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Nationality Cuban Passport# 00-795 Tax Card# 3069-1752-01

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Names of Acc. Travelers Title DOB State Dept ID# Tax Card#

Purpose of Travel (if applicable) To attend the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Untied Nations Charter

Signature

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Organization The same as above

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Routes_____

2) Date 6 / 27 / 95 (month day year) From San Francisco Dep. 1.15 am/pm

Mode by plain (**) To New York, JFK Airport Arr. 9.43 am/pm

Lodging/Address Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Name of Host_____ Phone# ( )

Organization Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Host's Address 315 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y.

If driving, please provide the following:

License Plate #_____ State Abb._____ Make/Color of Car_____ Year___

Routes_____

(*) Flight # 75, UNITED Airlines
(**) Flight #810, UNITED Airlines

- Note that this model is dated on the upper right corner on the 6-23-95.

It has also been adulterated omitting the name of the Cuban diplomat under title "Names of Acc. Travelers".

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ATTACHMENT III

DEPARTMENT OF STATE - UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Travel Notification/Travel Authorization/Service Request Form

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Date of Request 6 / 21 / 95 (month / day / year) State Dept. ID# (if applicable) 3069-1752-51

Name of traveler (Last, First, Middle) BRUNO RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA

Title AMBASSADOR Organization UNTIED NATIONS

Position PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE Phone# (212) 689-7215

Nationality Cuban Passport# 00-795 Tax Card# 3069-1752-01

Date of Birth 1 / 22 / 58 (month / day / year) Place of Birth Mexico, D.F. (city, country)

Names of Acc. Travelers	Title	DOB	State Dept ID#	Tax Card#
Reynaldo Figueroa Maylero	Attache	05-08-64	3077-5977-51	3077-5977-01

Purpose of Travel (if applicable) To attend the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the Untied Nations Charter

Signature

TRAVEL ITINERARY

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Mode by plain (*) To San Francisco Arr. 2:05 am/pm

Lodging/Address WESTIN HOTEL

Name of Host UN50 COMMITTEE Phone# (415) 989-1995

Organization The same as above

Host's Address 555 California Street, 28th Floor, San Francisco, California, CA 94104

If driving, please provide the following:

License Plate # State Abb. Make/Color of Car Year

Routes

2) Date 6 / 27 / 95 (month / day / year) From San Francisco Dep. 1.15 am/pm

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Name of Host Phone# ( )

Organization Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

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License Plate # State Abb. Make/Color of Car Year

Routes

(*) Flight # 75, UNITED Airlines
(**) Flight #810, UNITED Airlines

- Note that this is the Cuban original model, which includes the name and data of the Cuban diplomat, Mr. Figueroa Maylero, under the title "Names of Acc. Travelers".

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ATTACHMENT IV

DEPARTMENT OF STATE - UNITED STATES MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Travel Notification/Travel Authorization/Service Request Form

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Date of Request 6 / 21 / 95 (month / day / year) State Dept. ID# (if applicable) 3069-1752-51

Name of traveler (Last, First, Middle) BRUNO RODRIGUEZ PARRILLA

Title AMBASSADOR Organization UNTIED NATIONS

Position PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE Phone# (212) 689-7215

Nationality Cuban Passport# 00-795 Tax Card# 3069-1752-01

Date of Birth 1 / 22 / 58 (month / day / year) Place of Birth Mexico, D.F. (city, country)

Names of Acc. Travelers Title DOB State Dept ID# Tax Card#

**Travel is restricted to a 25 mile radius of the Westin St. Francis Hotel, San Francisco.

Purpose of Travel (if applicable) To attend the 50th Anniversary of the Signing of the United Nations Charter

Signature

----------TRAVEL ITINERARY----------

1) Date 6 / 24 / 95 (month / day / year) From New Jersey, Newark Airport Dep. 11:00 am/pm

Mode by plain (*) To San Francisco Arr. 2:05 am/pm

Lodging/Address WESTIN HOTEL**

Name of Host UNSO COMMITTEE Phone# (415) 989-1995

Organization The same as above

Host's Address 555 California Street, 20th Floor, San Francisco, California, CA 94104

If driving, please provide the following:

License Plate #_____ State Abb._____ Make/Color of Car_____ Year___

Routes

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Lodging/Address Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Name of Host Phone# ( )

Organization Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

Host's Address 315 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y.

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Routes

(*) Flight # 75, UNITED Airlines
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- Note that this model is lacking of name and rubber stamp, but it contains a restriction of movement under the title "Names of Acc. Travelers" from which the name of the Cuban diplomat was deleted. It was handed ever in San Francisco on June 26.

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ATTACHMENT V

United States Department of State
Office of Foreign Missions
866 United Nations Plaza
Suite 265
New York, N.Y. 10017

June 23, 1995

TRAVEL RECEIPT

Amb. Parrilla:

The following arrangements have been made for your trip to San Francisco, CA from June 24 through June 27:

TRANSPORTATION:	**UNITED AIRLINES ROUND TRIP TICKET NEW YORK - SAN FRANCISCO**	**$1,481.00**
LODGING:	**THE WESTIN ST. FRANCIS HOTEL SAN FRANCISCO, CA (as arranged by UN 50 Host Committee)**	
TOTAL		**$1,481.00**

Should you encounter any difficulties on your trip, please do not hesitate in calling Steven Dieterichs, Travel Program Officer, on (212) 826-4510 during business hours or (pager) (917) 556-0591 after business hours.

Steve J. Dieterich

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ANNEX IV

Letter dated 22 June 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the Chairman of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country

As you are aware, the Government of the United States has established regulations for travel authorization requests for members of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations who intend to travel throughout the United States territory. Such regulations state a restriction of movement to a 25-mile radius from Columbus Circle in New York City, by virtue of which the Permanent Mission of Cuba is requested to submit, 72 hours in advance of any travel date, a travel authorization request in the application forms provided by the United States Mission specifically for these purposes.

The Government of the Republic of Cuba considers that such restrictions upon the diplomatic privileges and immunities to which the Cuban diplomats to the United Nations are entitled are unacceptable, inappropriate and discriminatory.

In note No. 368 of 15 June 1995 (annex I) as well as in application forms duly submitted on 21 June 1995, the Permanent Representative of Cuba to the United Nations timely requested from the United States Mission to the United Nations a travel authorization to depart for the City of San Francisco, California, accompanied by Mr. Reynaldo Figueroa Maylero, Attaché of the Permanent Mission of Cuba and his personal assistant, in order to participate in the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the Charter of the United Nations, to which the Permanent Representative of Cuba had been invited by the UN50 Committee of San Francisco as well as by many other sponsors of that event.

Through a telephone conversation, the United States Mission to the United Nations informed the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations that the Permanent Representative of Cuba was allowed to travel, this not being the case for Mr. Figueroa Maylero, Attaché of the Permanent Mission of Cuba, in addition to imposing several restrictions upon the Permanent Representative of Cuba.

We consider that the response given to this travel request by the United States Mission to the United Nations is inappropriate and, in this regard, are requesting from the United States Mission to the United Nations an official response in writing. Nevertheless, the Permanent Mission of Cuba is of the opinion that this action on the part of the United States Mission to the United Nations is aimed at deliberately hindering the attendance of the Permanent Representative of Cuba at the San Francisco celebrations.

The Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations requests your most needed action so that the privileges and immunities to which the Cuban diplomats are entitled, which have been abridged by such decision, be re-established and the right of any permanent mission to the United Nations to decide upon the diplomats to attend any United Nations invitation be acknowledged.

To try to put obstacles to the participation of the official representation of Cuba in observance of the fiftieth anniversary, or to try to assume the role of deciding who are the Cuban diplomats authorized to attend or not to attend such celebrations, who are to represent or not to represent the Permanent Mission of Cuba in such celebrations, is an unacceptable action which goes against the diplomatic privileges and immunities, is contrary to the spirit of the fiftieth anniversary celebrations and which should be prevented and censured.

I would highly appreciate your efforts, during the time elapsing before the San Francisco celebration, in order to ensure the proper conditions for the attendance of the Cuban delegation, as it was originally conceived by the Permanent Mission of Cuba, to the fiftieth anniversary celebrations in the City of San Francisco, California.

(Signed) Bruno RODRÍGUEZ PARRILLA
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Cuba